stored in the depots are conducted by the officers of this Ministry and also by the squads of FCI hqrs., respective Zonal and Regional Offices from time to time.

Cases and vacancies in consumer courts

†1851. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in various consumer courts of the country alongwith the number of vacancies and since when, State-wise;

(b) the action initiated by Government to fill up vacant posts and by when the posts will be filled;

(c) whether with a view to dispense speedy justice to the consumers, Government will instruct the consumer courts to work on the lines of Lok Adalats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Information in this regard, as furnished by National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(b) Under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, it is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations to set up the State Commissions and District Fora in their States/UTs and ensure their effective functioning, including filling up vacant posts of Presidents/Members in these consumer fora. However, being nodal Department in the field of Consumer Protection, the Department of Consumer Affairs has been periodically taking up with the State Governments and UT Administrations the question of strengthening the functioning of the consumer courts by providing adequate infrastructure and filling up the vacancies of Presidents/Members. State Governments have been asked to take all possible steps to enable early filling of vacant posts in consumer fora.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by NCDRC, President, NCDRC has given directions to the Presidents, State Commissions of all States/ UTs that the District Fora and State Commissions should earmark one day every week to dispose off cases by holding Lok Adalats.

Statement

Cases and vacancies in Consumer Courts

(i) Statement of cases filed/disposed of/pending in the National Commission and State Commissions

Sl. No.	Name of State	Cases filed since inception	Cases disposed of since inception	Cases pending	% of disposal	As on
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National Commission		**40110**	**32236**	**7874**	**80.37**	**31.10.2005**
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17606	15008	2598	85.24	31.10.2005
2.	A & N Islands	57	55	2	96.49	30.6.2004
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	33	22	11	66.67	30.6.2005
4.	Assam	1846	990	856	53.63	31.12.2004
5.	Bihar	10688	6700	3988	62.69	30.6.2005
6.	Chandigarh	5090	4998	92	98.19	31.10.2005
7.	Chhattisgarh	2547	2041	506	80.13	30.6.2005
8.	D & N Haveli/ Daman & Diu	11	11	0	100.00	31.12.2004
9.	Delhi	23949	20468	3481	85.46	30.11.2005
10.	Goa	1661	1497	164	90.13	31.10.2005
11.	Gujarat	21821	18266	3555	83.71	30.6.2005
12.	Haryana	27832	15846	11986	56.93	31.10.2005
13.	Himachal Pradesh	4426	3768	658	85.13	30.9.2005
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	4512	3981	531	88.23	31.12.2003
15.	Jharkhand	2067	1752	315	84.76	30.6.2005
16.	Karnataka	17251	15426	1825	89.42	31.8.2005

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17.	Kerala	19606	15574	4032	79.43	31.8.2005
18.	Lakshadweep	12	12	0	100.00	31.10.2005
19.	Madhya Pradesh	20280	18077	2203	89.14	30.6.2005
20.	Maharashtra	31378	17876	13502	56.97	31.7.2005
21.	Manipur	47	20	27	42.55	30.6.2003
22.	Meghalaya	145	125	20	86.21	30.6.2005
23.	Mizoram	92	31	61	33.70	30.9.2005
24.	Nagaland	71	59	12	83.10	30.6.2005
25.	Orissa	14030	7304	6726	52.06	30.9.2005
26.	Pondicherry	109	80	29	73.39	31.10.2005
27.	Punjab	15759	11341	4418	71.97	30.9.2005
28.	Rajasthan	31524	21381	10143	67.82	31.10.2005
29.	Sikkim	27	26	1	96.30	30.6.2005
30.	Tamil Nadu	17620	15927	1693	90.39	31.10.2005
31.	Tripura	866	772	94	89.15	30.9.2005
32.	Uttar Pradesh	43670	12433	31237	28.47	31.8.2005
33.	Uttaranchal	2464	2097	367	85.11	30.6.2005
34.	West Bengal	10590	8924	1666	84.27	31.10.2005
	TOTAL:	389797	275124	114673	70.58	

(ii) Statement of cases filed/disposed of/pending in District Fora

1.	Andhra Pradesh	153303	146542	6761	95.59	31.10.2005
2.	A & N Islands	311	294	17	94.53	30.6.2004
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	261	223	38	85.44	30.6.2005
4.	Assam	10004	9096	908	90.92	31.12.2004
5.	Bihar	58962	46528	12434	78.91	30.6.2004
6.	Chandigarh	23600	22894	706	97.01	31.10.2005
7.	Chhattisgarh	20881	18581	2300	88.99	30.6.2005

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8.	D & N Haveli	70	54	16	77.14	31.12.2004
9.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0.00	0
10.	Delhi	148388	138276	10112	93.19	30.6.2005
11.	Goa	5020	4033	987	80.34	31.10.2005
12.	Gujarat	97046	79471	17575	81.89	30.6.2005
13.	Haryana	141113	121861	19252	86.36	31.10.2005
14.	Himachal Pradesh	41104	38432	2672	93.50	30.9.2005
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	10436	8247	2189	79.02	31 3.1999
16.	Jharkhand	23144	20440	2704	88.32	30.6.2005
17.	Karnataka	86209	82774	3435	06.02	31.8.2005
18.	Kerala	142620	135705	6915	95.15	31.8.2005
19.	Lakshadweep	52	48	4	92.31	31.10.2005
20.	Madhya Pradesh	92132	86641	5491	94.04	30.6.2005
21.	Maharashtra	161279	141872	19407	87.97	30.6.2005
22.	Manipur	916	881	35	96.18	30.6.2003
23.	Meghalaya	359	339	20	94.43	30.6.2005
24.	Mizoram	1863	1623	240	87.12	30.6.2004
25.	Nagaland	246	205	41	83.33	30.6.2005
26.	Orissa	61182	57334	3848	93.71	30.9.2005
27.	Pondicherry	331	266	65	80.36	30.9.2005
28.	Punjab	90156	83616	6540	92.75	30.9.2005
29.	Rajasthan	188881	178166	10715	94.33	31.10.2005
30.	Sikkim	175	169	6	96.57	30.6.2005
31.	Tamil Nadu	87286	84038	3248	96.28	31.10.2005
32.	Tripura	1529	1367	175	89.40	30.6.2005
33.	Uttar Pradesh	325754	255227	70527	78.35	30.6.2005
34.	Uttaranchal	26069	23255	2814	89.21	30.6.2005
35.	West Bengal	55482	52282	3200	94.23	30.9.2005
	TOTAL:	2056164	1840780	215397	89.52	

(iii) Information Regarding Vacancy Position in the State Commissions and District forums

Sl. No.	States	State Commission	District Forum		As On
			President	Member	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	No Vacancy	2	0	30.9.2005
2.	A & N Islands	No Vacancy	0	0	30.6.2004
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	No Vacancy	2	2	30.9.2005
4.	Assam	No Vacancy	0	14	30.9.2004
5.	Bihar	No Vacancy	0	12	30.11.2005
6.	Chandigarh	No Vacancy	0	0	30.6.2005
7.	Chhattisgarh	No Vacancy	0	9	30.11.2005
8.	D & N Haveli	No Vacancy	0	0	31.12.2004
9.	Daman & Diu	No Vacancy	0	0	31.12.2004
10.	Delhi	No Vacancy	1	0	30.11.2005
11.	Goa	No Vacancy	0	1	30.9.2005
12.	Gujarat	1 Member	9	20	30.11.2005
13.	Haryana	No Vacancy	4	28	30.11.2005
14.	Himachal Pradesh	No Vacancy	0	0	30.6.2005
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	1 President, 1 Member	0	0	31.8.2005
16.	Jharkhand	No Vacancy	0	1	30.6.2005
17.	Karnataka	No Vacancy	2	1	30.11.2005
18.	Kerala	1 Member	5	6	30.11.2005
19.	Lakshadweep	No Vacancy	0	1	30.6.2005
20.	Madhya Pradesh	2 Member	2	35	30.11.2005

1	2	3	4	5	6
21.	Maharashtra	No Vacancy	0	8	30.11.2005
22.	Manipur	All vacant			31.1.2003
23.	Meghalaya	President	0	0	30.6.2005
24.	Mizoram	President	0	0	30.6.2004
25.	Nagaland	No Vacancy	0	0	30.6.2005
26.	Orissa	No Vacancy	1	2	30.6.2005
27.	Pondicherry	1 Member	0	1	30.6.2005
28.	Punjab	No Vacancy	1	1	30.9.2005
29.	Rajasthan	No Vacancy	0	9	30.11.2005
30.	Sikkim	No Vacancy	0	0	30.6.2005
31.	Tamilnadu	No Vacancy	0	17	30.11.2005
32.	Tripura	No Vacancy	0	0	30.6.2005
33.	Uttar Pradesh	No Vacancy	13	24	30.11.2005
34.	Uttaranchal	President	0	3	30.6.2005
35.	West Bengal	1 Member Lady	0	3	30.11.2005
	TOTAL:	5 Pres. 9 Mem.	42	198	

FCI borrowings

1852. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI has accumulated recoverables worth Rs. 17,000 crores from the Ministry of Rural Development for foodgrains supplied for its welfare schemes;

(b) whether FCI is facing financial constraints, having to borrow funds from SBI-led consortium at exorbitant interest rates for grain procurement;

(c) whether FCI borrowings from SBI-led banks now total Rs. 33.000 crores at 8.15% compound interest; and

(d) whether Government would bail out the FCI to sustain its welfare schemes?